

Serial No. 09/654,893

**REMARKS**

In accordance with a telephone conference with Examiner Santiago on December 30, 2003, it was indicated by Examiner Santiago to the undersigned attorney of record that independent claims 28, 35, 46, 53, 63 and 70 are allowable, along with their respective dependent claims.

The foregoing amendments accordingly cancel all of the claims which remain non-allowable such that only those allowable claims remain pending herein.

There being no other objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

STAAS & HALSEY LLP

Date: December 31, 2003

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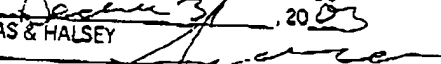
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